

## ISDH Hires New Epidemiologists

The following epidemiologists have recently joined the ISDH Epidemiology Resource Center (ERC).

**Linda Foley** joined the ERC on September 13 as the Director of Environmental Epidemiology, Indoor Air, and Radiological Health. These three areas were recently combined to provide a coordinated environmental health program for the ISDH. In addition, this section will also be responsible for developing and executing a chemical terrorism public health response. One of Linda's main responsibilities will be to use state health and environmental databases to evaluate the relationship between environmental pollution and human health. Linda recently served as a field epidemiologist in western Kentucky and conducted statistical data analysis for a large hospital in Ohio. Linda may be reached at 317-233-7390 or [lfoley@isdh.state.in.us](mailto:lfoley@isdh.state.in.us).

**Sandra Gorsuch**, formerly the District 4 Field Epidemiologist, became the District 5 Field Epidemiologist on September 27. Sandy will be based at the ISDH and will assist local health departments with disease outbreak investigation and case surveillance in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, and Shelby Counties. Sandy will continue to assist the local health departments in District 4 until a replacement is hired (see position announcement above). Sandra may be reached at [sgorsuch@isdh.state.in.us](mailto:sgorsuch@isdh.state.in.us).

**Elizabeth Hibler**, formerly the District 4 Public Health Coordinator and Program Director for Grants in the ISDH Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response Division, will join the ERC as the Quality Assurance Epidemiologist on October 25. Her responsibilities will include assessment of historical, current, and any future epidemiologic data; data projects; and data request issues. Liz may be reached at [ehibler@isdh.state.in.us](mailto:ehibler@isdh.state.in.us).